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Dem operative, Valley native Renteria to run for governor

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Amanda Renteria, a Tulare County native and longtime Democratic operative who was the national political director for Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign, has filed paperwork to run for California governor.

Renteria, Attorney General Xavier Becerra’s operations chief, a job she took following her 2014 loss to Rep. David Valadao, R-Hanford, had been telling Democratic strategists

that she was mulling what one described as a “disruptive” bid to succeed Gov. Jerry Brown. She did not immediately return a text message seeking comment on her statement of intention to run.

Becerra, who is running for a full term this year, has not endorsed in the governor’s race.

Renteria, 43, would join a contest featuring a male-dominated field led by Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Her filing comes amid renewed questions into the leading Democrats’ extra-



Amanda Renteria

marital affairs, now against the backdrop of the roiling #Metoo movement.

Delaine Eastin, the state’s former schools chief, is far behind in polls and fund-raising.

Renteria, who grew up in Woodlake southeast of Fresno, has been a favorite of Central Valley Democrats, even drawing then-Vice President Joe Biden to a rally for her campaign. She first met Becerra, whom she

joined in Sacramento as a way to battle the Trump administration in the legal arena, while working as chief of staff for Sen. Debbie Stebenow, D-Michigan. She also worked for California Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

“California and other states are recognizing that the White House has real implications on everyday life even though you are 3,000 miles away,” Renteria told McClatchy’s Vida en el Valle last year.

Renteria was soundly beaten by Valadao, who has easily beaten Democrats in his last two campaigns.

Democrats were shocked and puzzled by her new filing, with former state Sen. Dean Florez, a Villaraigosa supporter from Shafter, saying he was saddened

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LOCAL BUS DRIVER A HERO FOR GIRL

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17 are killed in shooting at Florida high school



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Jorge Zapata, 16, a sophomore, hugs his mother, Lavinia Zapata, after a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Wednesday in Parkland, Fla., that killed at least 17 people.

Suspect – a former student – in custody; scene ‘horrific’

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A former student opened fire at a Florida high school Wednesday as classes were being dismissed, officials said, killing at least 17 people and sending scores of students running into the streets to escape the bullets.

Frantic parents rushed to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where SWAT team members and ambulances had surrounded the campus. Live footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the



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Medical personnel tend to a victim outside of the school. Most of the killings were inside the school as classes were being dismissed.

wounded on sidewalks.

“It is a horrific situation,” Superintendent Robert Runcie said. “It is a horrible day for us.”

The 19-year-old suspect was taken into custody without in-

cident about an hour after he left the school, authorities said.

Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said the suspect, who was previously expelled for disciplinary reasons, was armed with a semiautomatic AR-15

assault rifle and “countless magazines.”

Most of the fatalities were inside the building, though some were found fatally shot outside, the sheriff said.

The suspect was identified as Nicolas Cruz by a U.S. official briefed on the investigation. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the information publicly.

The day started normally at the school, which had a morning fire drill, and students were in class around 2:30 p.m. when another alarm sounded.

Noah Parness, a 17-year-old junior, said he and the other students calmly went outside to their fire-drill areas when he suddenly heard popping sounds.

“We saw a bunch of teachers running down the stairway, and then everybody shifted and broke into a sprint,” Parness

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